



**RE: Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2009-0171 - I support a bold course on Climate Change**

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**Please respond to Heloise Rathbone**

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Lisa Perez Jackson

Dear Jackson,

Determining that carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases endanger public health and welfare, as EPA has now done, is a bold and necessary first step towards solving the climate crisis. The scientific evidence for this decision, produced by "decades of research by thousands of scientists from the U.S. and all around the world," is "compelling, and, indeed, overwhelming." Your proposed findings make the case for action by demonstrating that climate change threatens "virtually every facet of the living world around us" and that its effects include "sickness and death." And there can be no doubt that emissions from new motor vehicles and new motor vehicle engines cause or contribute to global warming pollution.

Your statement that this problem "cannot be solved by one regulatory action alone," and that you will look at the "whole picture," is very encouraging, especially combined with the many next steps EPA outlines. I urge you to move rapidly ahead with strong new rules designed to control greenhouse gases and provide a sound foundation for our economy. I believe we should have a tax on all carbon rather than a cap-and-trade policy.

I read that Germany had started a carbon tax several years ago. They have set up a schedule of starting with a small tax on carbon and gradually increasing the carbon tax each year. At the same time they are lowering income tax gradually to offset the carbon tax. Everyone can see that over the coming years, carbon will become more and more expensive. Thus, many have seen it that putting in solar panels, insulating housing will be financially worth doing as the years come

on. Already German's have greatly increased the number of solar panels being installed. I would love to see the United States have that kind of program.

Along with it I would like to see that there be long term loans to help people like me put solar on my roof. I've already done all the insulating.

Sincerely,

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